



May 24, 2012

Dear Friend,

It is my pleasure to invite you to submit your nomination for the Texas General Land Office 2011 OSPRA Award. This is the fifteenth year we have recognized companies or individuals for their efforts to go beyond the required provisions of the Oil Spill Prevention & Response Act or that have taken proactive steps to enhance the protection and preservation of our Texas coastal resources. Enclosed you will find our new OSPRA Award nomination form for your completion.

Winners of this year's prestigious OSPRA award will be chosen by a panel appointed by the Texas General Land Office, and awards will be presented to the winners at a venue of their choice. In addition, a press release will be distributed with the information about the winner. Award winners will be recognized on the GLO's website and featured in our quarterly newsletter, *The Responder*. This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight your organization's efforts to protect Texas environmental resources.

Thank you for your continued support of the Oil Spill Prevention & Response Program and I look forward to receiving your nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Pollock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "P".

Greg Pollock
Deputy Commissioner
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Recognition for Excellence in Environmental Protection

2011 marked our 15th year of designating environmental partners as OSPRA Award recipients. Over the years, we have identified small and large organizations from varied elements of Texas' coastal industries for making significant contributions to coastal environmental protection. In an effort to showcase hardworking Texans going the extra mile to protect our natural resources, we have made a few changes to the application process. Please pay close attention to the questions and word limitations.

How to Nominate an Organization or Individual

Submit a completed form to any Texas General Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program office. The application is available on our website and may be completed and submitted electronically.

Example nominees include: Government, Education, Industry, Nonprofit Groups, Public Agency Divisions, Individuals, Teams, Vessel Operators, Oil Handling Facilities, Contractors, Consultants, Spill Response Organizations, Suppliers, Marinas, Shipyards, Educational Organizations or Institutions, Research Organizations, Spill Response Cooperatives and any other organization that has achieved the criteria identified on this application.

Criteria for a Successful Nomination

The successful nominee must have displayed a consistent and noteworthy effort to exceed basic compliance with the Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act of 1991 or taken other proactive steps that enhance the protection and preservation of Texas coastal resources. Specific examples of noteworthy performance during the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, will be reviewed for the selection of award winners.

Judging and Presentation of Awards

Winners will be chosen by a panel appointed by the Texas General Land Office. Awards will be presented to the winners at a venue of their choice. In addition, a press release will be distributed with information about the award and winner, a notice will be posted on the Land Office website, and featured in our quarterly newsletter, The Responder. Becoming an OSPRA award winner not only generates publicity for and public recognition of your company or organization, it also allows the Land Office to recognize excellence in environmental protection.

Entry Deadline: July 23, 2012

2010 OSPRA AWARD WINNERS

Alfonzo "Al" Guillen, Vice President of Student Learning, Texas State Technical College - Harlingen, Texas

Xtreme Salvage - Houston, Texas

USCG Sector Houston-Galveston, Captain Marcus Woodring

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

PART 1

To enter, complete the information below and return this form to the Texas General Land Office no later than July 23, 2012.

Provide the following information for each entry on the lines below and on the last page of this entry form. Information should be provided for the individual or company you are nominating if you are nominating someone other than yourself. Acceptance of entries cannot be guaranteed if any question is unanswered unless the question is not relevant to your application.

Nominee Name _____

Company or Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Nominated by _____

Company or Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 23, 2012



Please mail, email or fax completed form to:
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Fax: 512-475-1560 • debbie.saenz@glo.texas.gov
or drop off at a local field office (see glo.texas.gov for addresses)





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PART 2

Please answer all sections, A through E, in order to complete this nomination form. Form may be submitted to the Texas General Land Office through local offices, mail, email, or fax.

A. Description of Nominee:

Please provide a description of the nominee's involvement with the Land Office Oil Spill Prevention and Response Program or role within the nominee's company/organization detailing the usual practices of the nominee and specifically how the nominee went beyond the requirements of usual practices to qualify for this award. (200-500 words)

B. Pollution Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Safety Management:

Please provide a description of how the nominee developed and implemented pollution prevention, preparedness, response, and safety management practices, procedures, or programs. Proactive or innovative approaches to these elements, with an emphasis on human factors, should be highlighted. Do these practices go above and beyond legal requirements? What are the positive outcomes for pollution prevention, preparedness, response and safety management for the Texas coast? (200-500 words)

C. Environmental Outreach:

Please provide a description of an external informational and educational process developed by the nominee that demonstrates a commitment to environmental protection. This could include education or information programs, written materials, public appearances, or sponsorship of environmentally focused events. Describe the audience, desired environmental objectives, and a description of benefits received. (200-500 words)

D. Partnerships:

Please provide a description of any environmental partnerships formed with other organizations—including external shareholders—sharing similar goals. Please describe the goals, types and degrees of resources extended, and the benefits derived through partnerships. Is there a specific project/event that depicts the environmental improvement accomplished? Describe the project in detail: date/site/number of people participating/purposes/goals/history. Is the project innovative — something new in the field of prevention and response? Describe why this project is considered exceptional. (200-500 words)

E. Other:

Please describe how the initiative(s) caused the nominee to receive awards in addition to this OSPRA award application. How, specifically, did the nominee go beyond the requirements of normal operations to qualify for this additional award? (200-500 words)

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